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Citing Bonn source Berlin BILD ZEITUNG yesterday reported Soviets are supposed to have agreed to dissolution of Spandau Prison. According to story Speer and Von Schirach are to be transferred to Werl (former British prison facility) and Hess to institution for mentally diseased. Story also noted Steering Committee of Berlin House of Representatives has approved budget estimate for Spandau Prison of DM 250,000 for next fiscal year.

In response to press inquiries we are indicating there is nothing to story.

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